

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 24, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky:

"For the past two years, the Youth Jobs Program has provided young men and women with meaningful employment and an introduction into the workplace. During this time, over 7,000 youth across the County have benefited from this program, and the Board has provided the same level of funding in Fiscal Year 2008-09 to ensure this program continues.

"We should continue to look for opportunities to enhance this effective program. At our urging, the Department of Community and Senior Services convened a countywide collaborative to look at ways to increase and leverage services and employment opportunities for youth.

"We, therefore, recommend that the Director of Community and Senior Services be instructed to allocate and authorize expenditure of funds to current Youth Jobs providers effective July 2008.

"We, further, recommend that the Director of Community and Senior Services, along with the Youth Jobs Collaborative, identify any other areas where County Departments may offer additional services and resources to enhance services to Youth Jobs clients, including possible pilot programs, and report back within 45 days."

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"In the past, the Youth Jobs Program has been funded by State and Federal revenue. Once the State cut the funding, the County was able to continue the program with one time general funds based on availability. Moreover, on March 13, 2007, the Board of Supervisors directed that preference for the Summer Youth Employment Program, administered through the County Department of Human Resources, be given to the County's foster children, both emancipating and emancipated."

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Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Molina that Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky's aforementioned recommendations be amended to direct the Director of Community and Senior Services to include in her report:

- 1. Ways to increase participation by foster youth in the Youth Jobs Program; and
- 2. Using one-time County funds for this State-initiated program.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Antonovich's amendment.

After discussion, at the suggestion of Supervisor Knabe, and on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Director of Community and Senior Services was instructed to:

- 1. Allocate and authorize expenditure of funds to current Youth Jobs' providers, effective July 2008; and
- 2. Along with the Youth Jobs Collaborative, identify any other areas where County Departments may offer additional services and resources to enhance services to Youth Jobs' clients, including possible pilot programs; and
- 3. Report back to the Board within 45 days including:
 - Ways to increase participation by foster youth in the Youth Jobs Program; and
 - Using one-time County funds for this State-initiated program.

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